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NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended October 8, 1905: Present officially estimated population, 3,500; number of deaths, 7; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and dysentery; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 2	Bluefields	Mobile	25	0	0	
8	Dictator	do	20	0	0	

Mobile quarantine board withdraws medical inspectors from steamships.

October 10, 1905. The Mobile quarantine board has withdrawn marine medical inspectors from the steamships plying between Bluefields and Mobile. The steamship *Dictator*, which entered here on the 5th instant, was the first vessel to arrive without a medical officer.

In a cable received yesterday, the 9th instant, the agent of the steamship company is authorized to allow passengers to embark for Mobile, provided these shall arrive at their destination after October 15.

The steamship *Corinto*, sailing to-morrow, will be the first ship to carry passengers since August 7 last. This vessel will have 9 cabin passengers, 4 of whom are on a round trip, with special permission from the Mobile quarantine board to land here while their ship is in port. To these 4 I shall not issue certificates for the reason that they will not have complied, when the steamer sails, with the service regulations which require passengers to report to the service officer 5 days prior to embarkation. I shall make note to that effect on the bill of health.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessel—Precautionary detention of steamship Preston—Temperatures taken on vessels of the Panama Railway Steamship Line—Quarantine against Colon removed by Island of Jamaica—Quarantine against ports in Panama continued by Costa Rica.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, October 4, as follows:

During the week ended September 30, 1905, the following vessel cleared for a port in the United States and was granted a bill of health: "American steamship *Advance* for New York, September 27, with 62 crew and 100 passengers."

The Norwegian steamship *Preston*, which arrived at this port on September 30, with 24 passengers on board, was placed in precautionary quarantine by the Isthmian quarantine service. After allowing a deck load of mules to be landed the vessel was fumigated in midstream. On the following day the passengers were taken off and sent to the detention house at Panama to be held for 5 days. The vessel was then allowed to come alongside the dock to discharge cargo.

Although no cases of yellow fever have been reported in Colon since August 26, and none in Panama since September 20, and a clean bill of health has been issued at this port, the practice of taking tempera-

tures of the entire personnel of the ships of the Panama Railway Steamship Line will be continued, and all those presenting any symptoms of yellow fever will be sent to the hospital for further observation.

The quarantine which the island of Jamaica has maintained against Colon during the past 6 months has been removed, and the Royal Mail Line of steamships is now permitted to take passengers to Jamaican ports. Large numbers of Jamaican negroes have been waiting for this opportuuity to return to their homes in Jamaica, and the removing of this quarantine will be a considerable relief to the Isthmus.

Costa Rica still maintains a quarantine against all Panaman ports, and will keep it in force until 60 days have elapsed since the case of plague reported in La Boca on August 26.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended October 6, 1905: Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 2 deaths; 2 cases of yellow fever; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and yellow fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Sept. 30	Belvernon	Mobile, Ala	23	0	0	0
Oct. 4	Condor	do	16	0	0	0
5	Fort Gaines	do	23	0	0	0

PERU.

Report from Callao—Refusal of certain officers on steamship Peru to submit to vaccination—Quarantine of vessels from Payta—New water-supply system—Plague.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, September 24 and 27, as follows:

Referring to the steamship *Peru*, from which a case of smallpox was taken at Caldera, Chile, as reported September 14, 1905, I have the honor to state that two of the officers of this vessel refused to submit to vaccination. The incident occurred just as the vessel was ready to sail, and out of consideration for the rest of the personnel, and upon a specific promise from the master and the agent to discharge these men unless they would be vaccinated en route, I allowed the vessel to proceed. I have no doubt that the company will comply with this promise.

Vessels are still quarantined to complete 7 days from Payta when south bound from Panama and Guayaquil, and passengers can enter other Peruvian ports only via Callao. This latter provision applies also to passengers arriving from Chilean ports who are required to come to Callao before embarking for ports south.

A sufficient appropriation has been made to put in a sewerage system in Callao, and bids are due to be opened this week. Many houses have been connected with the new water supply, which is from a series of wells about 4 miles from here and is probably water which has filtered from the river Rimac. The old supply, which is still used to some extent, comes in greater part from this stream, which receives the entire sewage of Lima at a distance of only about 7 miles from